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The GUARDIAN.

——*Levium ſpectacula rerum.* Virg.

Monday, May 25. 1713.

I Am told by ſeveral Perſons whom I have taken into my Ward, that it is to their great Damage I have digreſſed ſo much of late from the natural Courſe of my Precautions. They have Addreſſed and Petitioned me with Appellations and Titles, which admoniſh me to be that ſort of Patron which they want me to be as follows.

To NESTOR IRONSIDE, *Eſq; Patron of the Induſtrious.*

The Humble Petition of John Longbottom, Charles Lillie, Batt. Pidgeon, *and* J. Norwood, *Capital Artificers, moſt humbly ſheweth,*

'THAT your Petitioners behold, with great Sor-
'row, your Honour employing your important Moments in remedying Matters which nothing
'but Time can cure, and which do not ſo immediately, or, at leaſt, ſo profeſſedly appertain to
'your Office, as do the Concerns of us your Petitioners, and other Handycraft Perſons, who excel
'in their different and reſpective Dexterities.

'That as all Mechanicks are employed in accommodating the Dwellings, Cloathing the Perſons, or
'preparing the Diet of Mankind, your Petitioners
'ought to be placed firſt in your *Guardianſhip*, as
'being uſeful in a degree ſuperior to all other Workmen, and as being wholly Converſant in clearing
'and adorning the Head of Man.

'That the ſaid *Longbottom*, above all the reſt of
'Mankind, is skilful in taking off that horrid Excreſcence on the Chins of all Males, and caſting, by
'the touch of his Hand, a Chearfulneſs where that
'Exereſcence grew, an Art known only to this your
'Artificer.

'That *Charles Lillie* prepares Snuffs and Perfumes
'which refreſhes the Brain in thoſe which have too
'much for their Quiet, and gladdens it in thoſe who
'have too little to know their want of it.

'That *Batt. Pidgeon* cuts the luxuriant Locks
'growing from the upper part of the Head, in ſo
'artful a manner, with regard to the Viſage, that he
'makes the Ringletts, falling by the Temples, con-
'ſpire with the Brows and Laſhes of the Eyes, to
'heighten the Expreſſions of Modeſty and Intima-
'tions of Good-Will, which are moſt infallibly
'communicated by Ocular Glances.

'That *J. Norwood* forms Perriwigs with reſpect
'to particular Perſons and Viſages, on the ſame
'Plan that *Batt. Pidgeon* corrects natural Hair; that
'he has a ſtrict Regard to the Climate under which
'his Cuſtomer was born, before he pretends to co-
'ver his Head; that no part of his Wig is compoſed
'of Hair which grew above twenty Miles from the
'Buyer's place of Nativity; that the very Neck-lock
'grew in the ſame County, and all the Hair to the
'Face in the very Pariſh where he was born.

'That theſe your Cephalick Operators humbly
'entreat your more frequent Attention to the Me-
'chanick Arts, and that you would place your Pe-
'titioners at the Head of the Family of the Coſme-
'ticks, and your Petitioners ſhall ever pray, *&c.*

To NESTOR IRONSIDE, *Eſq;* Guardian *of good Fame.*

The Memorial of Eſau Ringwood *ſheweth,*

'THAT tho' Nymphs and Shepherds, Sonnets
'and Complaints are no more to be ſeen
'nor heard in the Foreſts and Chaſes of *Great Bri-*
'*tain*, yet are not the Huntſmen, who now frequent
'the Woods, ſo barbarous as repreſented in the
'*Guardian* of the 21ſt Inſtant; that the Knife is not
'preſented to the Lady of Quality by the Huntſman
'to cut the Throat of the Deer; but after he is
'killed, that Inſtrument is given her, as the Ani-
'mal is now become Food, in token that all our
'Labour, Joy, and Exultation in the Purſuit, were
'excited from the ſole hope of making the Stag an Of-
'fering to her Table; That your Honour has detracted
'from the Humanity of Sportſmen in this Repre-
'ſentation; That they demand you would retract
'your Error, and diſtinguiſh *Britains* from *Scbyti-*
'*ans.*

P. S. '*Repent, and eat Veniſon.*

To NESTOR IRONSIDE *Eſq; Avenger of Detraction.*

The Humble Petition of Suſan Howd'ye-call *moſt humbly ſheweth,*

'THAT your Petitioner is mentioned at all
'Viſits, with an Account of Facts done by
'her, of Speeches ſhe has made, and of Journeys
'ſhe has taken, to all which Circumſtances your Pe-
'titioner is wholly a Stranger; That in every Fa-
'mily in *Great Britain*, Glaſſes and Cups are bro-
'ken,